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Subject: Requesting a delay on your decision regarding Paradisa Homes' Permit Request, Item C.4.0

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On behalf of the Clarksville Community Development Corporation (CCDC) I request that you delay release of a building permit for 1104 Toyath in order to give the applicant, Paradisa Homes, more time to develop plans for a home that will be compatible with Clarksville.

Most homes in Clarksville, even new ones, are relatively simple, but nothing about 1104 will be. It appears that Paradisa Homes completely ignored the architecture in the neighborhood and assumed that the kind of home it builds in the more suburban neighborhoods where it typically works, would be appropriate. Paradisa also ignored the impact of the home's height on its neighbors and especially on the Lawson House, a historic landmark next door. It will loom over that house.

More does not necessarily mean better and that is certainly true when it comes to the home Paradisa proposes to build. I therefore ask that the company go back to the drawing board and scale its plans way back so that 1104 Toyath better reflects the scale and style of other homes on the block and respects Clarksville's unique history and traditional architecture. In order to do so, a meeting with the HLC's Architectural Review Committee would seem wise.

One final note: Months ago, representatives of the CCDC met with Luis Zaragosa of Paradisa to discuss its plans for 1104 Toyath. During the meeting, we suggested changes that would make the new home more appropriate for Clarksville. Although the plans on file indicate that the company did not make most of the changes we asked for, we do appreciate the fact that Paradisa relocated the carport to the back of the house. We also appreciate the size of the front porch. Both design features are good first steps, but there is much more work to be done before the home Paradisa Homes envisions will be right for the neighborhood.

Thank you for considering my request.

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